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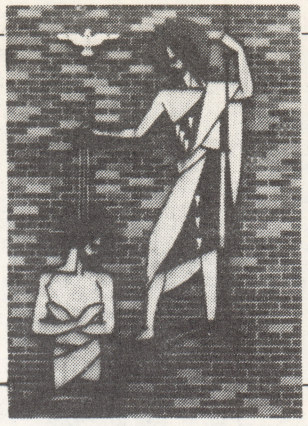

North America's First Born Saint will be a Woman in the Holy Year and in the International Year of the Woman

American history will be made in Rome today, September 14, 1975, when Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is canonized in St. Peter's Basilica. For Mother Seton, foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph in America, will be the first native born U.S. citizen to become a canonized saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York on August 28, 1774, of a Protestant family. She married a fellow Protestant William Seton and became the mother of five children. It was not until after she became a widow that Elizabeth Seton entered the Catholic Church.

There are now in the United States five religious congregations hailing Mother Seton as their foundress, as well as one in Halifax, Canada. They are all members of the Federation of the Daughters of Blessed Elizabeth Seton and the Congregation, known as the Daughters of Charity, are affiliated with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul whose motherhouse is in Paris. Mother Seton's cause has been supported by the Federation.

Mother Seton died in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on the 4th of January in 1821. Eighty-six years later James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore instigated an of her life, works, and writings but it was not until thirty-two years later in 1939 that her cause was formally introduced. Twenty-four years later, on March 17, 1963, Mother Seton was beatified by Pope John XXIII, the first native-born American citizen so honored, and she will be the first to be canonized on September 14, 1975, twelve and a half years after beatification.

A cure obtained by the intercession of Blessed Elizabeth Seton was promulgated as a miracle by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on December 9, 1974. This cure took place in October of 1963, five months after Elizabeth Seton's beatification.

According to active supporters of Mother Seton's cause, Judge Genevieve Blatt of Pennsylvania and Mary Columbus of Washington, D.C., Mother Seton's canonization will be the occasion for emphasizing the role of women in the home, in the Church, and in society. A Catholic American exemplar in the world year of woman.

Spiritual Milestone

The announcement by Pope Paul VI that Elizabeth Bayley Seton will be canonized in 1975 as the first American born saint of the Roman Catholic Church is a milestone in our nation's diverse spiritual history. The fact that a woman is the first native born American named to sainthood by the Holy See is all the more historic since women have never made a great contribution to America's national life than today.

It is fitting that we recall at this time another woman - Mother Cabrini who was born in Italy - who was named a saint by the Holy See after devoting much of her life to religious work in the United States.

Mother Seton's singular honor is a tribute to all American women who have entered the Religious life to serve in schools, hospitals and charitable work. She died in 1821 but today there are thousands of Sisters of Charity - the Religious order she founded - carrying on the important service which Mother Seton began. I congratulate them on this most joyous occasion and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
Dec. 13, 1974

Just a Word ... (About the Pastor - From the Associate)

Well, it appears that having an Associate Pastor here with him for the past few months was just too much for our beloved Pastor, Fr. Harvey. The tension of trying to break me in, and shape me up just tired him out. And so last Friday evening, Fr. Harvey left us for a very well deserved two - week vacation in Rome. As some of you might have seen in last week's Catholic Weekly, Fr. Harvey is part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage, which for 16 days will

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Regarding Baptisms

The Pastoral Team of St. John's Parish would like the members of this community to know just a bit more about the Baptismal Program that we have designed to help prepare families to celebrate this Sacrament. We really do want to make this a family celebration for you and your child; a celebration of **Life;** and in order for us to do that, our families must be informed of this procedure.

First, just a word about what we look for in parents, when they come to us to present their children for Baptism. Occasionally, hurt feelings arise when parents wish to have their children baptized, but upon investigation, the priest learns that the parents or the Catholic party is not practicing his or her faith. We, of the Pastoral Team, may recommend to such parents, that Baptism at this particular time is not appropriate, since the parents do not seem to be living **their own** faith commitment.

The priest is doing what he has to, as instructed by the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship, 15 May, 1969, Rome:

> "When the parents are not yet prepared to profess the faith or to undertake the duty of bringing up their children as Christians, it is for the parish priest, keeping in mind whatever regulations may have been laid down by the conference of bishops, to determine the time for the Baptism of infants."

What the members of the Pastoral Team of this parish are willing to do, is to help the parents reach the point in their lives, when **it will be** appropriate to share their faith with their child.

The following is the procedure that all parents are asked to follow if you are planning to have your child baptized at St. John's. Parents make the initial call to the rectory, at which time they must talk to one of the priests, who will register the child for Baptism. (This should be done at least 3 weeks prior to the date of the Baptism). After this initial contact; Sr. Anne will contact the parents in their own home to welcome the parents into the Baptism program and answer any questions they might have.

Then the parents (along with the godparents, if they wish) will be asked to attend two Baptismal classes. These classes will be held each month on the first two Friday's of the month. The dates for these classes will be found in the Ypsilanti Catholic. Classes are held in the school library and last from 7:30 until 9:00. These classes are team - taught by Sr. Anne, Fr. Harvey and Fr. Jerry. The following is a list of the dates for these classes for the next few months.

Classes: October 3 and 10 - Baptism, Sunday, October 12, at 12:30 Mass; October 31 and November 7, Baptism, Sunday, November 9, at 12:30 Mass; December 5 and 12, Baptism, Sunday, December 14, at 12:30 Mass; January 2 and 9, Baptism, Sunday, January 11, at 12:30 Mass; January 29 and February 6, Baptism, Sunday, February 8, at 12:30 Mass.

All parents are expected to attend these classes, unless other arrangements are made with one of the priests. We would ask for your complete cooperation in this program in order that we can make your child's Baptism, a meaningful experience for your family.

Fr. Jerry

Parish Nuptial

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Borges

On Saturday evening, September 6, 1975, John D. Borges and Donna L. Gietzentaner solemnized their vows of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Borges of Garden City; the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Gietzentaner of Ypsilanti.

Paul Dumsch was the lector for the Liturgy which was accompanied by Mr. Mel Light, organist.

Ronald and Debra Borges, both of Ypsilanti, were the main attendants.

Congratulations, John and Donna! We wish you much happiness.

Adult Choir Members Needed

Our adult choir is in drastic need of more members, both men and women. The choir practices on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 in the basement of the school. If you enjoy singing, please come to practice this Thursday evening or call our Choir Director, Mr. Mel Light, 971-2792.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows
7:00 a.m. Max Seeger, req. by his Neighbors
2:30 p.m. NO MASS AT PARKVIEW
TUESDAY, September 16 - Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian, martyrs
7:00 a.m. DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION ONLY
5:15 p.m. William Bath, 35th Anniv., req. by Mrs. Ella Bath and Daughter
WEDNESDAY, September 17 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Joseph Kozikowski, req. by Theresa Kozikowski
9:00 a.m. NO MASS
THURSDAY, September 18 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. George Weins, 6th Anniv., Juanita & Family
FRIDAY, September 19 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Edward C. Bath, 22nd Anniv., req. by Mrs. Ella M. Bath and Daughter
SATURDAY, September 20 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. NO MASS
5:00 p.m. Charles & Leona Stoll, req. by Dorothy & Charles Stein & Family
SUNDAY, September 21
7:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Knapp, req. by Theresa Kozikowski
9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving, req. by The Anhut Family
11:00 a.m. Lenore Draper, req. by Ralph & Marilyn Briggs
12:30 p.m. Fred & Kim Gillman, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lee Sanford

Wedding Banns

II Jon Crocker & Catherine Radabaugh
I Steve Kruzel and Wendy Presley

Attention Worship Commission Dates to Remember

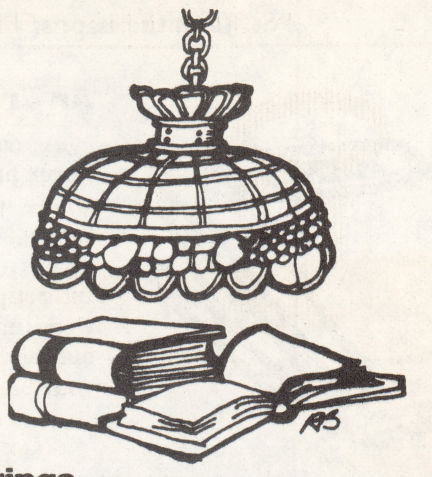
The following are important dates that we would like all members of the Worship Commission to mark on your calendars.

Tuesday, September 16, at 8:00 p.m., training session for all Lectors and Commentators.

Monday, September 22, at 8:00 p.m., training session for all Lectors and Commentators.

(Both of these sessions will be conducted by Dr. Gerald Moses, assisted by Fr. Jerry, and they will take place in the Church. We would ask all Lectors and Commentators to please attempt to make one session or the other). Also:

Monday, September 29, next meeting of the Worship Commission, guest speaker, Fr. James Challancin, a member of the faculty of St. John's Seminary in Plymouth.



Educational Offerings

Opportunities for Adult Growth in Faith
Prophets of the Old Testament
Sr. Patricia O'Toole
September 9 - October 28
8 Tuesday evenings
7:15 - 9:45 p.m.
St. Thomas School
525 N. State St.
Ann Arbor, MI
Fee - $7.00

Liberty and Justice For All
Presentations - Discussions
Sunday evenings
Sept. 28, Oct. 12,
Oct. 26, Nov. 9
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Mary Chapel
331 Thompson St.
Ann Arbor, MI

The Economics of Poverty
Rev. Bill Neenan, S.J.
Monday evenings
September 22 - November 3
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Chapel
Ann Arbor, MI

Further information is contained in the "Early Fall" brochures at each door of the church.

Reminder

All Parents of Public School Students:
Meeting designed to acquaint you with important facts about your children's religious education at St. John's. Also initial information for parents whose children are making **First Communion, First Penance** this year.

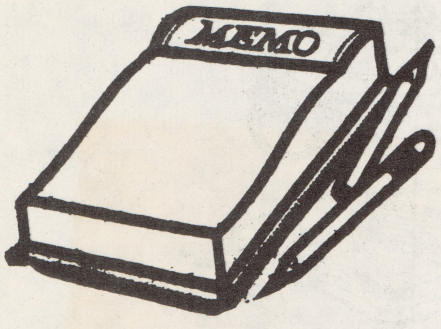
Monday, Sept. 15
7:30 p.m.
or
Tuesday, Sept. 16
duplicate meeting
7:30 p.m.
in Church Hall

All religious education classes begin week of September 21st.

Financial Barometer September 7, 1975

Sunday Offertory $3,190.15
Hall Renovation 105.00

Our parish budget is based on your support for 52 weeks. To those who continue regular giving - we thank you! To those who have been away - we hope you will make up for the Sundays away.



Your Service Commission Reports

National Council of Catholic Women Hold Meeting at St. John's

For the first time in many years, the NCCW met at St. John's for their quarterly meeting, last Tuesday, September 9th. The women particpated in a special Mass together at 10:30 a.m., after which registration, luncheon, and meeting followed in the church hall. We were grateful that so many parish women came to offer their support as members of this Council to which you all belong as Catholic women Our parish received the banner for having the most in attendance. This banner is displayed on the bulletin board at the front church entrance. Let it be a reminder that we are all working together as Catholic women of various parishes in Wastenaw County to offer our services where there is need and to be an affirmation to other women that we are a willing part of groups whose main purpose is to help others.

We thank Father Harvey for beginning the day with Mass, Dan Paffel and Vance Quigley for their expert help in preparing the luncheon, Mil Kerner for the publicity in the **Catholic Weekly,** Eileen Tardiff and Dorothy Morgan, parish representatives, who along with Kathleen Wysocki worked on the preparations and made certain that all was in good order for the day, and those many women who offered their help with the serving, clearing, etc. We are most grateful for everyone's support.

An Engaged Encounter?

A couple planning a wedding never have enough time. This is it! A whole weekend to take time for just talking to each other - away from the phone and everybody interrupting. Time to plan your wedding and lives. Do it now. One is planned for September 19-21. See your pastor or call 517-263-4716.

What is Marriage Encounter?

The Marriage Encounter is designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their lives together and to do so openly and honestly in a Christ-like, private, heart - to - heart encounter. The emphasis of the Marriage Encounter is on **Communication** between husband and wife who spend a weekend together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life. There is no age limit. Both newly married couples and couples married over 50 years have made Encounters.

The next **Marriage Encounter is October 3-5 at Siena Heights, Adrian, Michigan.**

Contact Lynne and Tony Comazza at 434-3036 for more information and Walt and Ann Stone at 663-8355 for reservations.

Single Catholic Adults

The SCA will be going to the Hillsdale Fair on Saturday, September 27th. Carpools meet at St. Francis (A.A.) at 6 p.m., and 7:15 in Clinton, at Underwood Chevy. The monthly meeting will be at 8 p.m. on October 3rd in the Rectory basement at St. John's in Ypsi. On October 11, at 9 p.m. we'll be dancing at the Old Heidelberg, and will attend Mass at St. Mary's, at midnight. Remember the Fall Hayride, October 25th. For information call Sue at 482-1942.

Thank you.

SCA Publicity

Homes Needed

If any family has room and is willing to offer their home to a girl in need, please call our parish representative to problem pregnancy, Virginia Alton, at 483-0560 to make such an offer. Right now we are in need of a home for a month. From time to time these needs arise and we would appreciate your evaluation of your situation and offer of assistance if it is possible.

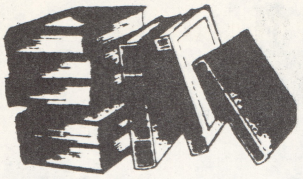
Parish Auction Held For Charity Works

Parishioners came through once again in their giving of items for our parish sale on Saturday, September 6. The day was bright and sunny, which is unusual weather in Michigan these days, and various groups of people came and went, looking for that special item which we sometimes had. Mass Conlon and the Executive group of St. Vincent de Paul were pleased that a little more money is ready for the coffers, but much more could have been sold and so we are making plans for continuing the White Elephant Sales on the First Saturday monthly beginning in October. Any items you have throughout the year which you feel would be suitable, we will gladly take off your hands and put to good sales.

Parish Picnic

The hopefully annual parish picnic will be held at Candy Cane Park (on Roosevelt between Courtland and Mansfield) on Sunday, September 28th, from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. There will be games for youth and adults throughout the afternoon. We ask that you bring your own food, but beer and pop will be available for a donation. Chips also will be used instead of money so that it will be more convenient fofor you. Help us make this a successful parish event. Make your plans to come now.

From the Office of Communications



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Canonization of "St. Elizabeth Seton" will be highlighted on three major networks and carried by local affiliates. The schedule of programs for Sunday, September 14 (that's today) is: CBS 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. (Channel 2, 6 and 25); ABC 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. (Channel 7, 12 and 41); NBC 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Channel 4, 5 and 10).

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For the first time in many years some Catholic schools in the Diocese have a waiting list for some grades. "An encouraging sign," said Bruce Fech, Superintendent of the Diocesan School System.

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Auxiliary Bishop James Sullivan together with six diocesan priests and laity have begun a Diocesan Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome. In a letter to people of the Diocese, Bishop Sullivan said, "pilgrimage indulgences may be gained by those unable to take part because of illness or other serious reasons."

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Public School districts have been told to continue providing auxiliary services to non-public school children. A letter from Superintendent John Porter reflects an opinion given by the State Attorney General that the U.S. Supreme Court decision, "does not mandate a change in methods (in Michigan) at this time.

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Next Sunday is Catechical Sunday, a day designated by Bishops of U.S. to honor, in special way, all who teach religion and to focus attention of Catholics on the need for on-going education in the faith. Theme: "Liberty and Justice."

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A romantic is one who thinks that because roses smell better than cabbages, they will make better soup. (H. L. Mencken)

Second Bingo Anniversary
Wednesday, September 17
7:30 p.m.
Doors Open at 6:30

We will need many workers that evening to help with the large crowd that usually attends anniversaries.

If you feel you have some extra time and can help that evening, please call the rectory (483-3360) and leave your name with the secretary. All we ask is that you be in the hall that evening by 6:30, wear soft shoes, and keep a big smile. You may not be able to help often, but this is one time when we really do need you.

(Just a Word... - Continued)

tour Rome, Italy and Switzerland. The Pilgrimage began in Rome, where the participants were to witness the canonization of St. Elizabeth Seton. Our blessings, Fr. Harvey, for a safe trip.

For the next two Sundays, Fr. Dominic Phillipon will return to the St. John's scene to help this struggling Associate Pastor. We are very happy to have Fr. Dominic back with us.

Watch this column for more tid-bits next week.

Fr. Jerry

Letter to the Editor

We gratefully acknowledge the letter from Mrs. Phyllis Gracie who responded to Fr. Harvey's **State of the Parish Message** of last Sunday as inspiring to her because of the concise and concrete delivery. It has made her realize the tremendous growth and enthusiasm we have for each other in our Christian community. Bless you Phyllis for responding so graciously.

Scripture Readings

Mass of St. Elizabeth Seton
Readings for Sunday, Sept. 14
Is. 61: 1-3, 6, 8-9
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 15:9-17
Readings for Sunday, Sept. 21
Is. 55:6-9
Phil. 1:20-24, 27
Mt. 20:1-16

Parish Council General Meeting September 8, 1975

Members Present: Jerry Wideman, Ray Carpenter, Dave Rocha, Natalie Bowyer, Dave Wheeler, Sr. Carol Denise, Father Dav larvey, Roger Washburn, Cy Corkins, Owen Koch, Father Jerry Ploof, Joan Gillman, John Thomas and Ruth Lorez.

Participants: Sr. Anne, Jack White and Joe DeVooght.

1. Council meeting came to order at 8:15 p.m. Opening prayer was led by Father Harvey.

2. The minutes of the August 10 Council meeting were approved after coorection was made that decision made at the August 10 meeting was to have a standing committee on adult education serve as an advisory group.

3. **Commission Reports:**

A. **Administration** — Dave Wheeler reported that the Commission has decided to put carpeting on the convent patio roof. Dave stated that at the last meeting there was a general discussion on the painting of the columns in the hall and on the busing situation. The hall renovation is complete with the exception of very few minor details.

Father Harvey reported there there are funds remaining from the renovation drive, a total of $7,000 ($5,000 in outstanding pledges) and the Administration Commission will decide on what should be done next in the hall. Father did state that there will be another drive.

The sale of the high school was sold on a land contract with $50,000 down. Faith Way will pay approximately $3,146 per month, which is due on the first of each month, with 7% interest, for a period of 15 years. Father also indicated that there has been some interest in the remaining property on Hewitt Road.

B. **Board of Education** — Roger Washburn reported on the formation of an adult education committee chaired by Doreen Binder. It is hoped that this will be a permanent part of the Board of Education.

Sister Anne gave a presentation on the religious education program. Adult education is a priority in the Church, too. Parents need more opportunities to learn what is going on in the religious education program. Sister stated there will be an open meeting which will give parents the opportunity to get a short explanation of the philosophy and curriculum of the religious education. There will be initial meetings for those parents whose children will receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Penance. There will be three family meetings - one in October, one in December, and one in March. Parents are asked to attend these meetings with their child(ren).

C. **Service Commission** — Natalie Bowyer presented to Father Harvey a $2,000 check from Bingo. The Service's next big project is set for September 17, Bingo Anniversary, on which day the Commission would like extra help. A parish picnic is set for September 28. Further details will be forthcoming as they develop. A service commission calendar was given each council member to be abreast of activities.

D. **Worship Commission** — John Thomas reported that the last meeting concerned the programs for the coming year. The meeting set for September 29 is open to all people who are involved in any phase of the Worship Commission. Father Challancin has been invited to speak at this meeting. A letter will be sent to all members of the Worship Commission, giving further details.

Father Jerry presented a Worship Commission calendar. Training sessions for Lectors - Commentators have been set for Tuesday, September 16, and Monday, September 22. The adult choir will be singing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and the folk choir group led by Pat Davis will sing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

4. **Old Business**

Following is the parish goal set for the 1975-76 year:

"We, the people of St. John's Parish, are called to continue to intensify our commitment to one another through active participation in the life of the local church in order that in the light of the American Church's

Bicentennial theme, 'Liberty and Justice for All,' we may continue to grow in a spirit of reconciliation within and beyond our personal communities.

In the upcoming months, the Council will review the goals and see where we are going. Each Commission chairperson should consider with all its members their works in light of the parish goal.

5. **New Business**

A. Jack White and Joe DeVooght presented a policy statement of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Jack presented an in-depth report of the Society — what its purpose is and what it wants to do to obtain financial assistance. There was a general discussion of suggestions from Council members on what can be done to bring financial support to the SVDP.

It was suggested that more thoughtful consideration should be given on what should be done and be brought up for further discussion at the next Council meeting.

B. A hall rental policy, which was prepared by the Administration Commission, was presented to the Council. There was a general discussion on the policies and procedures. Suggestions were made for some changes which the Administration Commission will discuss at their next meeting.

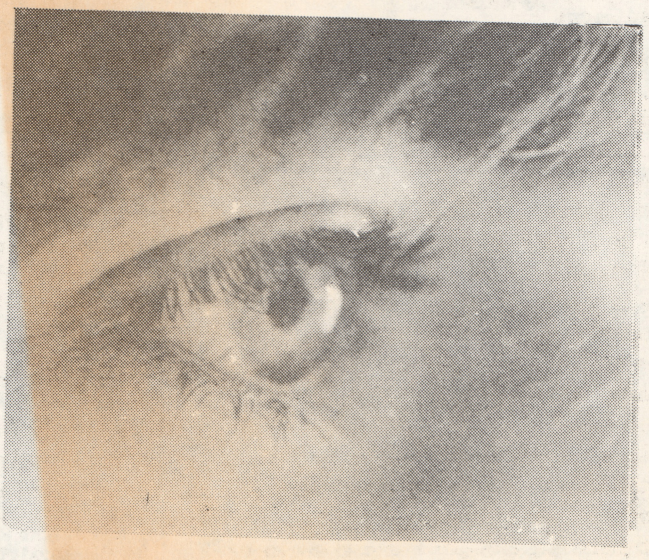
C. It was indicated that a Board of Education Workshop will be held on October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas. An invitation has been extended to the pastor, the Board of Education president, parish council members and interested parties. Sister Anne would like to see members of the Board of Education attend.

6. **Announcements**

Father Harvey stated he will be leaving Friday, September 12, and will be gone for a couple of weeks. He'll be assistant chaplain for the Diocesan Holy Year Pilgrimage.

7. With no further business, motion was made for adjournment. Motion so seconded and approved, Council adjourned with a closing prayer led by Father Jerry at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruther Lorenz, Secretary



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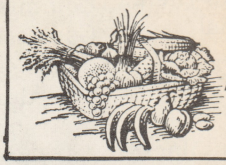

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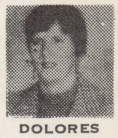

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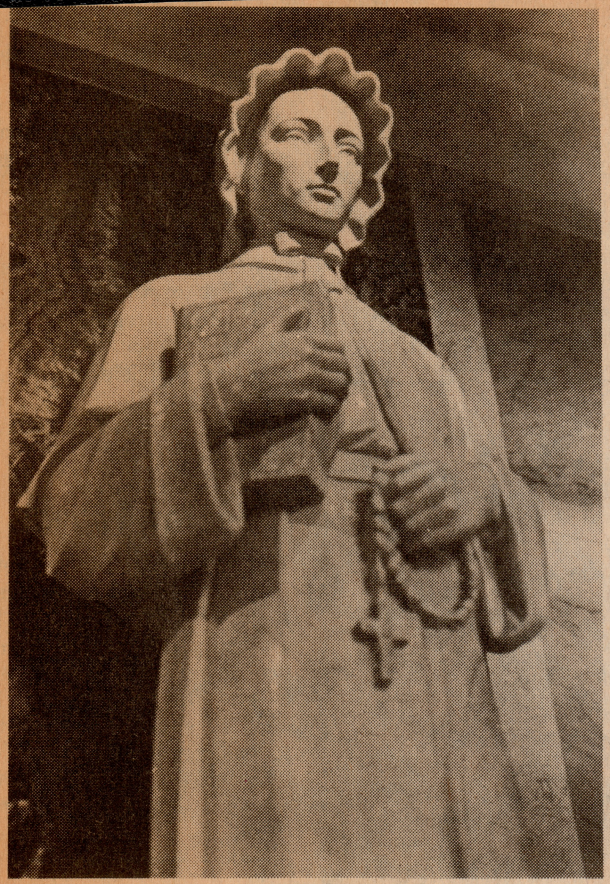

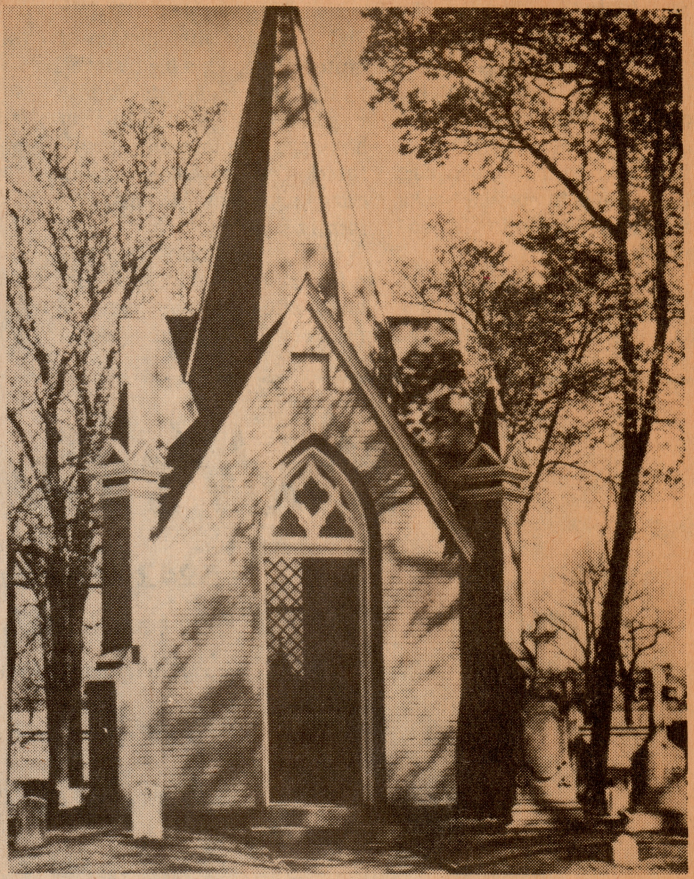

An American Saint

Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton will be canonized as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church Sunday, Sept. 14, at special ceremonies in St. Peter's Square in Rome. Excerpts of the ceremonies performed by Pope Paul VI will be shown Sunday on CBS's "Lamp Unto My Feet" at 10 a.m.; on the ABC "Directions" series at 1 p.m.; and on a special hour-long NBC network presentation at 2 p.m. Mass texts for the first American-born saint have been authorized for Sunday in the Dioceses of Lansing and Kalamazoo. The statue at the left is part of a shrine to Mother Seton in the Sisters of Charity chapel in Emmitsburg, Md., where pilgrims come by the hundreds each year to pray for her intercession. Mother Seton's remains were transferred to a vault beneath the floor of the chapel at the right in 1846, a quarter-century after her death. They were exhumed in 1962 in preparation for her beatification. In 1968 her relics were placed in a shrine at St. Joseph's Provincial House in Emmitsburg.

—Religious News Service Photos

Life Activities, chaired by Cardinal Terance Cooke of New York. This year's program begins Oct. 5 but the schedule of events is open-ended, with the program providing the option of utilizing the Fall months or the weeks of Lent, 1976, for implementation.

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CARDINAL Cooke, noting that program materials have

He observed that "a fair and equitable distribution of material goods, a legal structure that respects family rights the availability of housing, employment opportunities, education and health care are basic to insuring family stability."

"But," he stated, "society must also clearly proclaim the value of marriage and family life, and assist

(NC)--Youth's greatest possession is the friendship of Jesus Christ, Pope Paul VI told an international youth pilgrimage.

The pope, speaking from the balcony of his summer residence, told the more than 3,000 young Holy Year pilgrims from Europe and Africa: "Friendship with Jesus is the greatest possession of youth. Never give it up."

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references to agencies tha can provide further assis tance.

A special effort has bee made to offer up-to-dat audio-visual resources in ad dition to books and pamphlet that will be helpful to the pro gram recommended.

With regard to the Respec Life Program itself, schools and religious education pro grams have been invited t adopt a schedule that wou be suited to their own in dividual needs and opportun ties.

Soviet Thaw?

MOSCOW (RNS)--Rep Robert F. Drinan, the Mas sachusetts Democrat who i a Jesuit priest, said her that Soviet officials indicate to him that the recent Hel sinki agreement might serv to ease emigration restric tions on Soviet Jews an others seeking to leave the USSR.

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